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Candidates for Queen: Barbara Peterson, Loretta Vaz, and Pat Pagnano

Students To Stage May Day Pageant

Preparations for the annual pageant of May Day, which will be held this year on May 12, are well under way. Ceremonies will begin at 2 p.m. on the State House lawn.

Heralds for the procession are Eleanor Gardner and Mary McLaughlin. Senior Flower Girls are Jane Macioci, Jane Redfern, Barbara Burns, Gay Blake, Ada Ostiguy, Chris Criscione, Joan Gegan and Ruth Martini. Jeanne Carroll, Ruth Norton, and Ann Cassidy will be Flower Girls from the undergraduate classes.

Students Elect Queen

Tiny Denise Gagnon will be Crown Bearer while Maureen Lapan will crown the Queen.

Candidates for Queen are Patricia Pagnano, Loretta Vaz, and Barbara Peterson. Voting will take place on April 27 and the girl with the highest number of votes will become Queen, while the other two will act as Maids of Honor.

Train Bearers for the Queen will be Margaret Beattie and Joan Haggerty. The Undergraduate Court will consist of Marcia Smith and Edel Goulet, Freshmen, Joan Little and Nancy McIntosh, Sophomores, and Elaine Leonard and Margaret Fontaine, Juniors.

Committees Prepare Program

Mrs. Bertha Andrews is chairman of May Day; Loretta Vaz, Senior, is student chairman. Her committee is as follows: Dances, Stephanie Szymanski; Music, Anna Marie Walsh; Costumes, Barbara Ferelli and Joanne Snow; Pageantry, Robert Sullivan and Edward Bresnahan; Property and Setting, John Sousa and Stacey Swift; Publicity, Louise Monk and Anne McAloon; Program, Maureen Lapan and Josette Cullen; Ushers, Rachael Bennett; and Processional, Norma Simone.

Girls Perform Dances

Loretta Vaz has announced that the pageant this year will be based on the "Peer Gynt Suite" by Edvard Grieg. Solo dancers will be Stephanie Szymanski, Anne Votolato, and Barbara Muray. Students from all the classes will participate in group and folk dances.

Clarence Bosworth Addresses Seniors

The first of the traditional Commencement exercises will be held on Wednesday, May 6, in the college auditorium when the senior class will be invested in their caps and gowns. The academic procession is scheduled to begin at 10:45 A.M.

The invocation will be given by Reverend Herbert Bolles, and will be followed by the reading of a passage of Scripture by Anna Marie Walsh, President of the Senior Class. The address to the graduates will be delivered by Mr. Clarence Bosworth, Superintendent of Schools in Cranston.

Marshalls for Cap and Gown Day, all Juniors, are Barbara Spaight, Jeanne Carroll, Helen Robertson, Nancy MacLean, Margaret Fontaine, and Edith Anderson. Ushers are Mary Cappelli, Carole Murphy, Nancy Welch, and Catherine McLaughlin.

WAA May Breakfast Planned for Caf

The annual May Breakfast, sponsored by the W.A.A., will be held this year at 7:45 on the fifth of May in the cafeteria. Price of admission will be \$.60.

Edith Anderson and Joan Little, co-chairmen have announced the menu which will consist of juices or fruit, cereal, (choice of Corn Flakes and Rice Krispies), scrambled eggs and ham, hot corn bread or cinnamon rolls, and coffee or milk.

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RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Tuesday, April 28, 1953

Science Classes Make Projects Applicable for Grade Teaching

The annual Science Fair of the Rhode Island College of Education will be held in the science rooms from May 4 to May 8. This Science Fair is to acquaint the student body with teaching materials that can be made inexpensively for use in teaching science where only limited materials are available.

In the past, exhibits have been judged by science teachers in the schools of Rhode Island. This year no judging will be done by outside judges. There will be no awards on the exhibits. The only judging that will be done will be that of the professor in whose class the student is enrolled.

Dr. Renato Leonelli is the faculty member in charge of the Science Fair. The Science Fair

Frances Fox, Handbook Ed.

Frances Fox, of the Sophomore Class, has been selected to edit the 1953 "Handbook" which will be published next September.

Frances has had previous experience in this type of work. She served as a member of the "Handbook" staff in her freshman year. In her senior year at St. Patrick High School she was an active member on the staff of the yearbook, *The Patrician*.

Frances has also been a participant in class activities during her two years at R.I.C.E., serving as social committee co-chairman in her freshman year and taking part in "Song Contest" and "Stunt Night".

Other students who are on the staff of the "Handbook" include Freshmen: Joseph Barry, David Dillon; Sophomores: Lois Lindemann, Kathleen Harrison; Juniors: Donald Lyons, John Nazarian; Seniors: Patricia Pagnano, Iris Kioian.

Committee is headed by Edward Tartaglia. Each of the science classes entering the Fair has a representative on the Science Fair Committee.

Seniors Hold 'C'est Boheme'

"C'est Boheme" will be held on Saturday evening, May 16, in the Reception Room. A semi-formal affair, dancing will be from eight-thirty until twelve o'clock to the music of the Leonard Brothers. Annually run by the Senior Class in commemoration of Cap and Gown Day, the dance is open to the entire college, and is set this year around a Bohemian theme.

Chairman of the Senior Social Committee, Catherine Modelski, is in charge of the dance. Members of her committee are: Loretta Vaz, Edward Bresnahan, Nancy Donahue, Joanne Snow, Esther Dawley, Eleanor Gardner, Emanuela Criscione, Christine Gagnon.

Tickets for the dance are \$2.50. No flowers.

Miss Helen Ganser To Present Report

The Board of Trustees recently authorized inviting Miss Helen Ganser, director of the library at the State Teachers' College in Millersville, Pennsylvania to come to R.I.C.E. to work with Miss Katherine Cuzner, librarian, in making a brief survey of the library facilities and its future needs.

Millersville State Teachers' College is noted throughout the country for its training of librarians for the public schools of Pennsylvania. Miss Ganser, who is in charge of the training of future librarians, is currently in the process of writing a report on our college library.

Miss Marie Howard Principal Speaker At F.T.A. Meeting

Marie Howard, State Director of the National Education Association for Rhode Island, and a principal in the Providence school system, was guest speaker at a recent meeting of the F.T.A.

The discussion was preceded by a business meeting conducted by Elsie Bennett, president of the club. Delegates who are eligible to attend the N.E.A. conference which will be held from June 24 to July 3 in Miami, Florida were named. Voting for the delegate, who will represent R.I.C.E. at this conference, will be held at the next meeting.

IRC Gives Banquet; Guests View Slides

Showing colored slides of Europe highlighted the IRC banquet held this week.

Joan Conley, mistress of ceremonies, introduced the guest, Miss Wright, who gave a running commentary during the showing. The slides were taken by the speaker during her European trip last summer.

Social committee co-chairmen, Barbara Gibau and Carol Langlois, had charge of the banquet which consisted of a turkey dinner.

President Approves Placement Bureau

After careful consideration of a report on a placement bureau here at the college, President Gaige has expressed his approval "especially for graduate students."

The original report, for undergraduates and graduates, was submitted to Student Council in October. Council accepted the report.

A Sound Plan

After months of work, the cut committee has developed an absence plan which should definitely fulfill all the requirements governing unexcused absences from classes. The reader will note that on page one, the *Anchor* has printed the proposed changes in our system. It is not a cut system by a different name, it is an absence plan designed to "give students greater freedom and practice in making their own decisions," and to promote better student-faculty relations as well as prevent excessive penalties for not making an index.

The first provision requires the proposal to be known as an Absence Plan because of the unpleasant connotative value of the word "cut". This is wise because much criticism of earlier suggestions resulted from biases caused by the unfavorable terminology rather than a lack of merit in the plan itself. Since all students except those hovering on the borderline between passing and failing have opportunity to avail themselves of absence privileges if they deem it necessary under this proposed plan, it is obvious that a more all-inclusive solution has been devised than was first thought possible.

Another good feature of the committee's proposal is that no one can be doubly penalized by being barred from extra-curricular activities on account of not making his index.

Finally, the paragraph stating that anyone who has a reason for absence in class such as illness or an emergency in the family may go to his professor and explain that his non-attendance was necessary, will surely lead to better student-faculty relations.

All eventualities are taken care of by the elasticity of this plan, and the red tape of medicals, excused absences, and cuts is successfully eliminated. Here is an excellent opportunity for all to exhibit the maturity and sense of responsibility so volubly claimed by every R.I.C.E. student as his most shining characteristic.

Ode To A Grapefruit

The nectar of the gods, the fruit of kings, the pride of all fruitdom has invaded our hallowed halls. Clad now in its natural garb, unmolested by the habits of a civilized age, the grapefruit has come into its own.

Borne to school in simple paper bags by devoted disciples, this tangy, well-rounded fruit is no longer cruelly knifed by indifferent cooks. Instead, it is lovingly peeled and then divided into juicy, satisfying sections. Each complete with its own seeds.

No longer does the eating of a grapefruit provoke a steady spray into the eyes of the eater's companions. Dull spoons no longer tear the sections from the clinging skin. Today, eaten this more natural way, these delectable sections do no more harm than to dribble down the arms of the eater. What could be more wonderful than to be bathed in its vitamin filled juice?

Opponents of this new, progressive, simple method laugh, but let them remember:

**FROM THE PEELS TO THE SQUIRTS,
A LOYAL GRAPEFRUIT
WILL KEEP YOU HEALTHFUL
WITHOUT ANY HURTS.**

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Who Bears the Burden?

To the Editor

Dear Editor,

Since last month's publication of our new column, "Anchor Salutes," I have received several criticisms with reference to the selection of "Omnibus" for recognition. The main argument was that this television program had nothing to do with R.I.C.E. and should not have appeared in the *Anchor*. How narrow minded can people be?

As I stated in the introduction of the column, the scope of the articles is limitless. The purpose was also defined. Can't a worthwhile television program be recommended? It might be well for the critics to look into this program.

No institution is so exclusive that it cannot absorb valuable culture offered by the community.

Yours truly,

Henry B. Cote

Dear Editor,

After looking over the newest absence plan, I think that we have something that can work for the best interests of the greatest number of people with a minimum of red tape.

This plan takes care of individual differences in a way that still leaves the individual a great amount of freedom. The great majority of students receive an index

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This is the second in a series of articles paying tribute to worthwhile contributions made either in college or in the community. Its scope is limitless, giving recognition to people or organizations whose ideas and industry in some manner are helping to improve our standard of living.

This month the *Anchor* salutes Kappa Delta Phi, R.I.C.E.'s professional fraternity. In the past, much has been said pro and con concerning the fraternity. Regardless of past criticisms, this publication wishes to pay tribute to the organization. The Phi of Kappa Delta Phi signifies philanthropy. It is in connection with its philanthropic services at the children's center that this group deserves commendation.

At this point, I imagine many of my readers are skeptical. It's no secret that I am a member of Kappa Delta Phi and I shall probably be criticized for "putting a feather in my cap." It was after a great deal of deliberation that I chose the fraternity, but my choice can be justified, for only a member could possibly give a thorough insight into the program which was in operation.

Last September the fraternity members were asked to devote their time and talents to the children's center. A scheduled program was setup, and members were assigned convenient hours to work with the children. A boy scout troop was started, children of various ages had the opportunity to join such clubs as arts and crafts, sewing, choral, good grooming and a few others. Private tutoring was given to children who were poor in the various subjects. Story Telling was carried on by the female members of K.D.P. Auxiliary. The auxiliary was most generous in its time and was perhaps the deciding factor in making the program a success. Besides this direct help other members have aided indirectly by helping to brighten the children's quarters with murals. Murals for the craft room in the new girls' building were recently completed. A life size outdoor nativity scene is being planned for the future.

Two aspects of the frat's work with which most Riceans are familiar are the annual Christmas party and the book drive. Here the entire student body is to be congratulated for its generous support of contributions for the party, and the children's literature donated.

A R. I. First

Since May 4th is sufficiently important to allow us a day off from classes, we should perhaps think a little about this date that we are commemorating — Rhode Island Independence Day.

On May 4, 1776, the colony of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations passed an Act of Independence which read in part:

"Whereas, in all states existing by compact, protection and allegiance are reciprocal, the latter being only due in consequence of the former; and

"Whereas George the Third, King of Great Britain, forgetting his dignity, regardless of the compact most solemnly entered into . . . by his ancestors . . . instead of protecting, is endeavoring to destroy the good people of this Colony, and of all the United Colonies by sending fleets and armies to America to confiscate our property and spread fire, sword and desolation throughout our country, in order to compel us to submit to the most debasing and detestable tyranny; whereby we are obliged by necessity, and it becomes our highest duty, to use every means with which God and nature have furnished us, in support of our inviolable rights and privileges, to oppose that power which is exerted only for our destruction."

It is noteworthy that Rhode Island was the first colony to pass such an Act. She preceded the others by two months. In fact, as far back as 1686, Rhode Island and Providence Plantations showed her love of freedom and distaste for tyranny when governor-in-chief Andros of the royal province of New England, by authority of King James II, demanded the charter of R. I. in order to annul it and add the smallest colony to the royal province. The General Assembly conveniently "lost" the charter before Andros could seize it, finding it again only when sympathetic King William ascended the throne of England. He, of course, signed the charter.

Rhode Island, in May of 1774, led united resistance against England by calling for a Continental Congress which in September passed a Declaration of Rights agreeing not to import British manufactured goods. A militia was formed by Rhode Island from which men, described by General Washington's military secretary as "the best disciplined and appointed in the whole American Army," were sent to join General Washington.

Rhode Island had her own tea-party, seized loyalist property, and suggested an American Navy. The war, although limited to the bay and the island of Rhode, was fiercely contested. We may well be proud of our state and the leading part that she had in shaping our nation's destiny.

Here 'N There

A student from State Teachers' College at Jersey City, N. J. covered the topic "Why people come to college?" in a way which I thought would prove interesting to many Riceans. He stated as follows: "There are many reasons why people come to college. One is that the schools are usually warm in winter. This is a valid and honorable purpose because it is a terrible thing to be cold.

"Some people come because their people didn't really know what else to do with them and four ivy-colored years seem a safe enough way of passing the time until some hoped-for maturity sets in and the period of dangerous irresponsibility is past. Some come because they enjoy having their lives charted out for them on neat little semester capsules and would feel lost outside the rigid paternalism of formal education." I believe some of you would have an answer to that.

Finally, he states, there are some who come for an education; "to learn for themselves what cannot be given to them even by the most talented teacher, the nature of man, his political development through history, his thoughts and ideas through philosophy, his hopes and creative dreams through the arts. By the way, why are you here? 'Tis a question worth asking." Now, there's a problem for you. Just why did you come to R.I.C.E.?

End of the Tail For Monarch Leo

by Barbara Finnegan

This certainly is the last straw. Now comes the news that the king of the jungle, the regal member of the animal world has had his tail bobbed. Can you imagine anything more ridiculous, more pathetic than the sight of a lion wearing a two-inch tail? It's enough to make one weep. Gone is the majestic sweep of the tail that could thrash in anger, sway in occasional, inconstant friendliness, swing in time to the music of a circus band.

Science has indeed outdone itself in successfully amputating the most notable part of a most noble animal. This horrendous idea occurred to scientists as the only means of saving the life of a certain lion who had given vent to his anger by thrashing his tail against the cage bars and completely ruining his tail and general physical condition by his actions. Thus the bobbed-tail lion.

It is certainly hoped that this act of science will not set a precedent: a lion with a bobtail is a

little less than a lion; he is missing a part of his personality (not to mention his anatomy) and it might be not at all unwise were he to rebel in righteous indignation.

Junior Class Holds Dance

Members of the Junior Class and their guests danced until 12 last Saturday night at the Wanamissett Country Club.

Nancy Welch, who served as general chairman, coordinated the activities of the various committees. Chairman ex-officio was Robert Rahill, and Edward Lesiak acted as music chairman. The invitation committee, headed by Barbara Motte, supplied the engraved formal invitations. Henry Cote took charge of the colorful posters which heralded the Anchor Class Prom.

Members of the general committee included Marie Landries, Elaine Leonard, Catherine McLaughlin, John Ryan, and Marguerite Price.

Favors of stuffed dalmation dogs monogrammed with the letter "R" gave all the guests a lasting remembrance of the affair for which Vin Capone and his orchestra provided music.

the best purposes of education. There should be mutual trust and cooperation between them. I personally believe there is.

An overwhelming trust and responsibility will be given to us as teachers. The lives of many will be highly influenced by us. We must take every opportunity open to us to improve ourselves and our school, to get as much as possible from what is offered.

This could best be done by a system of no cuts. However, this is odious to many. This present plan eliminates the word cut from our vocabulary and defines absence privileges. I again state that I think it is most acceptable.

Now is the time to seriously ponder this plan and decide upon a stand. I'm sick of hearing futile, senseless arguments on the floor of forum. Arguments that have led only to confusion. I wish that each of us would decide on the issue now, discuss and vote intelligently at the next meeting.

It's disgraceful, too, to see an almost empty forum when an issue of such importance to all is at stake. It must be discouraging also to the committee who has worked so hard under many frustrations and handicaps. They and the school deserve our appreciation, attention and cooperation. Let's get behind this plan and settle this issue.

Perturbed

Dear Editor,

After listening to Dr. Lauffer speak at our last assembly, the thought occurred to me that it would indeed be wonderful if Dr. Lauffer could give an elective

Miss N. Weeks Relates Trip

Chris Gagnon

The power of the circular should not be underestimated! It was one of those enticing gems, prone to grace the bulletin board and divert attention from more scholastic matters, that initiated a whirlwind tour of Europe by Miss Weeks, our bursar. Announcing a first time skating tour and smothered in a sheaf of ski tours, it came to her desk one morning for want of destination. As it hit the wastebasket, the words, "ice skating" caused Miss Weeks, a skating enthusiast, to resurrect it from the doom of its predecessors. She read about the tour to five countries—Holland, France, Switzerland, Austria, and Germany,—and showed it to her friends. "I had always thought of going to Europe but I never dreamed I'd do anything about it. Everyone thought it was the thing to do and before I knew it, away I went." The date was January 31, the time of the tidal waves and hurricanes along the coast of Britain and Holland. Flying on the Royal Dutch Air-Line, the group of eleven tourists led by William Bock, former world champion, arrived in Amsterdam in the midst of gales. "While there we drove to the Hague and saw the sea walls being mended. The Dutch are amazing people; they had begun to clear the debris immediately." Her most vivid impression of the scene was that of a Swedish freighter deposited neatly on the beach by powerful waves.

Warm weather and the backing of the waters from floods made skating on the canals an impossibility. Instead, Miss Weeks visited a friend whose apartment she had some difficulty in finding, only to learn that her hour long circuitous rout lead her within a five minute walk of the hotel. "Most of the people spoke some English, and they directed me." At the address she was certain that the warehouse-like building could not be the place but after climbing over a collection of bicycles in the hall, and ascending the extremely narrow staircase, she found her hostess in a modern apartment. With this visit she had deviated from the plan of the tour which had kept them at rinks most of the time.

"I should hate to drive a car in Amsterdam," she commented. During the hour which would correspond to our UTC rush time, "the

course during regular class hours. Since he is a specialist in psychology, perhaps Dr. Lauffer could give a course in child psychology or adolescent psychology, which, I think, is essential to anyone attempting to teach the junior high grades.

Our own psychology department seems greatly understaffed. Time limits allow students only a background in general psychology.

I think it would be very valuable to all of us if an elective given by Dr. Lauffer or some other equally qualified person could be included in the present elective program.

Sincerely,

Shirley Szarko



Intrepid college bursar, Miss Norma Weeks, reviews European trip.

drizzly streets are a seething mass of bikes with a few cars marooned in between."

"In Paris we saw the usual things . . . and the skating exhibitions. But in Vienna we had a really eerie adventure. We had left the city at 11:00 at night, bound for Switzerland, and were in complete darkness while going through the Russian zone. We were awakened from our sleep at about two o'clock in the morning and had to show our passports to four Russians who had only railroad lanterns to light their way as they went through all the compartments. We were certainly glad when they left."

Miss Weeks recalled the pleasant experience of seeing the post war restoration of the Vienna Opera House, by arrangement of a fellow traveler whose father had once conducted there. "It was all very ornate, but in a beautiful way" she told, "and since it will not be finished for about two years. We saw La Boheme at a substitute hall." She noted the sumptuousness of architecture in all the hotels along the way. "Huge rooms with chandeliers gave the appearance of something royal, and the foods were beautifully served. They seem to do more with sauces and garnishes than we do.

"At Davos, Switzerland, we

were taken up a near-by hill by a funicular railroad and from there we rode singly on long old fashioned sleds, down a bobsled run. Slowing down meant digging one's heels and having the snow fly back. It was such a rapid turn, that we had to resort to this often! From the top we could see skiers continuing all day in the circle of mountains, never retracing their steps."

With characteristic keenness of expression Miss Weeks told of the high light of the trip — the annual world's skating championships in Switzerland. For the first time in many years an American girl, Tenley Albright of Boston, won the ladies' singles, and not to be outshone, another American, Hayes Allen Jenkins, took men's singles honors. It was a thrill, she recalled, to be there for a week watching Americans performing so brilliantly. At all of the rinks the group was able to skate between contests and exhibitions. A member of the Providence figure skating club, Miss Weeks had full opportunity to practice her newly acquired skill at Davos and other rinks.

"I might do it again," she declared, holding up the reminder that she wore on her suit.

College Initiates New Entrance Plan

Entrance examinations for applicants for admittance to the college next September were conducted on Friday, March 27 at 9 a.m. in the auditorium. Dr. Helen E. Scott administered the tests. Members of the senior class acted as proctors.

A new trend in the admission procedure was observed this year. Candidates for admission were not only tested but also interviewed as well during the course of the day. Nine teams of three faculty members each interviewed the prospective students. Previously, applicants took the examinations; then, those making high scores were called back later for interviews by a small committee of college officials. However, with the new system, the college hopes to shorten the waiting period considerably.

Students acting in the capacity of hosts and hostesses to the prospective frosh were: Kathleen Ball, Palmer Wald, Louise Archambault, Margaret Beattie, Alfred Silverman, Claire Andrews,

Robert Sullivan, Elsie Bennett, Peter Theodoroff, Rachel Bennett, Edward Bresnahan, Mary J. Doran, Vivian Fortin, John Sousa, Sue Thompson, Dorothy Christiansen, Anna Marie Walsh, Mary McLaughlin, Virginia Kielbasa. Student chairman was Catherine Modelski.

Amherst Conference Delegates Attend

The University of Massachusetts at Amherst was the scene of the annual Nature Recreation Conference this year. Delegates from all Nature Clubs in New England attended.

Students who went from R.I.C.E. were Barabar Ferrelli, president of the Nature Club, Ruth Lanoie, Joan Leavens, Mary Lafferty, Joan Fox, Loretta Vaz, Elsie Bennett, Stacia Domnarski, Marilyn Hopkins, and Eilene Helfand. Miss W. Christina Carlson, faculty advisor of the group, accompanied the delegates.

Dr. Scott Attends English Conference

Dr. Helen Scott, professor of Psychology at the college, recently attended conferences held at Atlantic City. At the National Conference on Research in English, she attended two sessions. The first session took place in the form of a breakfast, at which reports of current research were presented. Such reports included the development of instruments to encourage imagery; the effects of illustrations in primary basal readers; construction of reading tests for Spanish speaking children; correlation of reading ability and emotional disturbances as revealed by Rorschach; and the study of galvanic skin responses in relation to good and poor readers. The second session was a luncheon at which well known speakers lectured on current topics in reading.

The American Educational Research Association Conference was also attended by Dr. Scott. Problems of evaluating the effectiveness of teachers and the correlation of results of the National Teachers' Exams were discussed. An occurrence at the meeting of this Association was the installation of Dr. Helen Murphy, a former faculty member of the college, now at Boston University, as the Secretary-Treasurer of the Association for a three year term.

To the Ed., cont. from pg. 2 of 2.1 or over. Those below this level most certainly need the limitations that will be imposed upon them.

I think this plan will serve to promote better relations between faculty and students. It forces each to trust and respect the rights of the other. Both the faculty and students are working for

Undefeated Sophs Intramural Champs

The undefeated sophomore team ran away with the championship of the intramural basketball league. Interclass rivalry was fierce in spots but the sophs had the zip when it was most needed.

Roland Blais was sensational in every department and Bob Coelho was far and away the best rebounder in the league. Vin Cullen, Dan Cooney, Ed Coletta, Bob Coker, Dave McCarthy, Jules Gadoury and John Hagen, all contributed to the soph's success. Members of the sophomore team will be awarded individual trophies in the near future. Congratulations to a fine team.

Basketball awards were presented last Tuesday. Varsity players appearing in 40 quarters were awarded varsity letters. Freshman hoopsters were presented with small silver basketballs for their fine efforts.

Intramural softball is next on the agenda of the R.I.C.E. sports world. The junior class must be established as favorites in the softball race. The class of 1954 has pulled down the softball laurels for two years in a row. The senior class is at full strength this year and it seems to be the main threat to junior hopes.

Predictions: The Yanks and Giants will meet in the 1953 world series . . . Marciano will kayo Walcott inside of 5 rounds . . . That's enough for this month, see you again in May.

Variety of Sports Sponsored by WAA

Tennis in Roger Williams Park and golf lessons at Triggs Memorial Field are features of the Spring program of the Women's Athletic Association. Bowling pins are still flying on Thursday afternoons at the Washington Alleys, while sports around the campus include paddle tennis and volleyball in the gym.

For the R.I.C.E. equestrienne, instructions in horseback riding will be given at the Park Riding Academy on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Highlighting W.A.A. events are the Spring picnic on May 25 and a trip to Prudence Island on June 6.

Riceans Take Part In A-Bomb Attack

Four students took part in the Atom-Bomb Demonstration Attack recently held at City Stadium.

The group met at the stadium; were tagged to specify the type of injury which they had received; and treated for minor wounds.

Serious cases were evacuated to the hospital at Hope High School. Victims were registered; their wounds were treated, and they were given stimulants.

Those who took part in the demonstration were Josette Cullen, Anne McAloon, Elsie Bennett, and Mary Capelli.

Mr. C. Owen Ethier, A.A.S.C. Delegate

"To select, define, and think together on common problems" was the keynote of the annual conference of the American Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development held in February at the Statler Hotel in Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. C. Owen Ethier represented the college at this meeting.

The aims of the conference were to develop ideas and insights which might help to solve the problems brought to them, to enlarge one's professional acquaintanceship, and to get to know some helpful resources. The meetings were held in a group dynamics pattern, with the whole Association meeting together at night to pool ideas and resources for the benefit of the entire group. Mr. Ethier served as group leader for the discussion of Civic Competence. These meetings were held at the Statler Hotel and also at the Municipal Auditorium.

Mr. Ethier was especially pleased to hear as a guest speaker Professor Alice Miel, president of the Association, whose book *Cooperative Procedure in Group Work* is being used in his extension class.

In his free time, Mr. Ethier visited Dr. Grace Coyle, well known teacher and advocate of group dynamics at Western Reserve University. He also toured the Nela Park Lighting Institute and visited the Roault exhibition of paintings at the Cleveland Art Museum.

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Starred in "Importance of Being Earnest": Palmer Wald, Ed Bresnahan, Kitty Modelski, and Josette Cullen

Snow Freezes Fervor Of Frustrated Fans

by Barbara Finnegan

Perverse Mother Nature has done it again. Plunged a cold, wet sword straight through the loyal hearts of thousands of New Englanders who had circled in red the date of April 13 on their calendars.

Just imagine the crushed spirits who roamed in a state of semi-consciousness through busy streets, deserted hills and lonely woods, oblivious to everything, depressed because of their inability to overcome their most treacherous enemy—weather. Just consider the number of good citizens who had looked forward eagerly, joyously in fact, to that glorious date of April 13, the date of the opening game of the club from Beantown. That such elation should be crushed is indeed a pity.

But if the fans are disturbed, imagine the morale of the Boston club! (And those familiar with said club know, morale is a very serious matter). For months the stout hearts of Boston have been working furiously in that hot Florida sun getting those muscles into condition, planning strategy, all for the sake of making New

England hearts glow in a victory on Opening Day. And then, to experience such frustration as a snow storm on opening day!

In ancient times, that snow storm, freak of nature that it was, would have been looked upon as a sign from the gods, probably from Jupiter Snowvius, that all would not be well for the club in the coming season. And though this is an advanced age, that storm may still have long-reaching effects. Why, those pitching arms may not thaw out until August (though Heaven forbid such a catastrophe to Boston), and the psychological effects on the club as a whole could prove devastating.

Yes, New England equilibrium was certainly upset on April 13, but all friends of the Bosox should take heart. Rumor has it that the club is regaining its strength in the sweltering heat of a hermetically sealed gymnasium and in

Play Given In Music Room

Presenting a novel stage media, "theatre in the round," the Dramatics League enacted "The Importance of Being Earnest" by Oscar Wilde.

In "theatre in the round" the conventional stage is dispensed with and the actors are placed in a lighted area surrounded on all four sides by the spectators.

Because of the new medium being used, the four performances were given in the music room.

Cast included Edward Bresnahan, Jack Worthing; Palmer Wald, Algernon Moncrieff; Josette Cullen, Gwendolyn Fairfax; Catherine Modelski, Cecily Cardew; Anne McAloon, Lady Bracknell; Stacey Swift, Rev. Canon Chasuble; Anne Devine and Mary McLaughlin, Miss Prism; John Beverly, Lane; Anne Votalato, Merriman.

Society Initiates Honorary, Regular Members at Dinner

Four honorary and nineteen regular members will be admitted to Kappa Delta Pi, national honor society in education, at the annual banquet and initiation this Tuesday at 6:30.

The honorary initiates are Mr. Gaige, Mr. Donovan, Miss Healy, members of the faculty at R.I.C.E., and Mr. Robinson, of the State Department of Education.

In case of any unforeseen snow storms, there will be no cancelled games. All snowed-out or frozen-out games will be played in the ballroom of the Hotel Kenmore in a 90° heat guaranteed to preserve pitching arms from all air and cold.

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